

Meritage Homes CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**HILTON STEVEN J**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 8800 EAST RAINTREE DRIVE, SUITE 300  
 (Street)

SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85260

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**Meritage Homes CORP [MTH]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/10/2015**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Chief Executive Officer**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount or Price					
MTH Common Stock	02/10/2015		A		18,750 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$ 0	1,555,098	I	HELD IN TRUST
MTH Common Stock	02/11/2015		S		17,050 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	\$ 39.67	1,538,048 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	HELD IN TRUST
MTH Common Stock	02/11/2015		A		24,839 <sup>(4)</sup>	A	\$ 0	71,769 <sup>(5)</sup>	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Rights	\$ 0	02/11/2015		A	14,903	<u>(6)</u> 02/11/2018	MTH Common Shares	14,903

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HILTON STEVEN J 8800 EAST RAINTREE DRIVE SUITE 300 SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85260			Chief Executive Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Steven J. Hilton 02/12/2015

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Represents vesting of restricted stock upon achievement of pre-specified performance targets
- (2) Represents sale of shares to cover required tax withholdings under a 10b5-1 plan.
- (3) Balance reflects all other holdings, including restricted shares that have previously vested.
- (4) Represents grant of restricted share units. The shares will fully vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant.
- (5) Balance represents restricted shares and restricted share units not vested.
- (6)

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Each performance award represents a contingent right to receive one share of MTH common stock. The performance awards vest upon MTH's common stock achieving a three-year total shareholder return relative to the Company's peer group, as determined by the Company and its compensation committee. The number of derivative securities and underlying securities is based on the maximum amount of shares that may be earned under the performance awards. The actual performance awards issued may range from 0 shares to the maximum noted above.

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